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FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Tuesday: 9:30AM—12:30PM
6:00PM—8:00PM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six (6) months
prior to the anticipated date 903-769-3235

Sunday Readings

First Reading

31:1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Samuel does not see as God sees.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I
shall want.

Second Reading

Eph 5:8-14

Paul tries to convince the Ephesians to live as
children of the light.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we
brought from darkness into light.

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25

Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt
welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are
new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family.

Please come again!



Holy Spirit Meditation Garden

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jean Quinn. Emly Walker. Jim & Gayle Hickey. Darlene & Gary Huff. David Borel. Eva Corrigan. Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John & Nitja McGrane. Ruth & David Barber. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Doris Hoffman. Yolanda Boyd. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. Elise Sugg. Avery Boultinghouse. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SICK.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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Mass—Intentions

- Sat. 3/18 Barbara & Joseph Pericak+** (Mary Catalano)
- Sun. 3/19 Jerry & Vicki Hauck** (Ellis Family)
- Tues. 3/21 Saturday Evening & Sunday Morning Choir**
- Wed. 3/22 Finance Council**
- Thurs. 3/23 For those that volunteer inside & outside the grounds of Holy Spirit Church**
- Fri. 3/24 Legion of Mary**
- Sat. 3/25 Joseph Pericak+** (Mary Catalano)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 3/11 Sat: 67 3/12 Sun: 75

Collections from Mar. 11th & 12th:

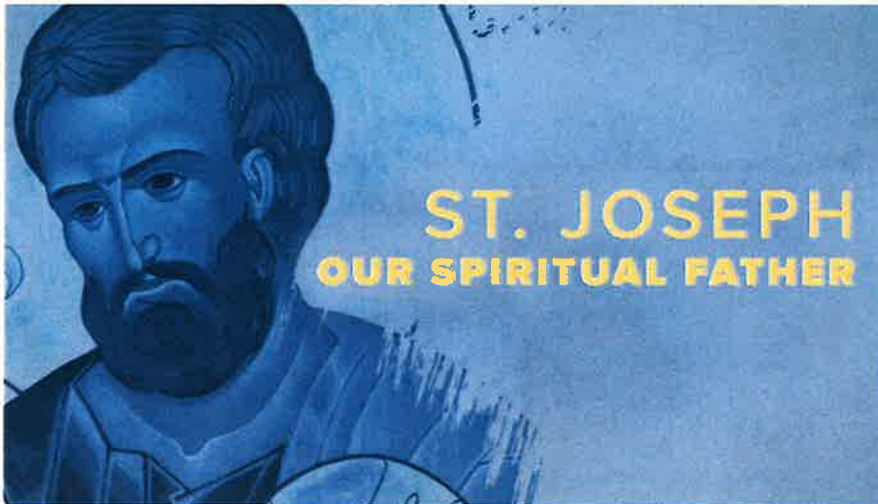
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| Offertory | \$ 3,389.00 |
| Building & Maintenance Fund | \$ 590.00 |

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed., from 3:00 — 4:00pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382



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St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



March Second Collections:

- 4th & 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."
- 18th & 19th: "Hunger Relief in the Diocese."
- 25th & 26th: " Holy Spirit Easter Flowers ."

Pope's Intention for March:



For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Joseph; Spring begins
- Thursday:** St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
- Friday:** Abstinence
- Saturday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you will need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with VIRTUS. Please notify our contact person to get signed up contact person Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

MARCH NEWS & EVENTS



Fri., Mar., 17th: Pastoral Council assisting with Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross will be held in our meditation garden if weather permitting. Pastoral Council providing Soup Supper in St. Jude's Hall. **Wear your green for St. Patrick's Day!**

Sat., Mar. 18th: Lector Training & Retreat from 9:00am—Noon. 5:00pm Mass.

Sun., Mar. 19th: 9:00am Mass. Coffee/Donuts after Mass in St. Jude's Hall.



Tues., Mar. 21st: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm. **Adoration 6:00—7:00pm today only.** Also, Fr. Mike, Fr. Love and Fr. Dunne will hear confessions from 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., Mar. 22nd—Fri., Mar. 24th: 9:00am Mass.

Fri., Mar., 24th: Legion of Mary assisting with Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. **K of C Fish Fry—St. Jude's Hall.** Dinner served with all the trimmings from 5:00-6:30pm. Tickets at the door. Adults \$ 15.00 (Children under 5 yrs free) Carry-out available.

Sat., Mar., 25th: Rosary Rally at 10:00am. Praying for Marriage 1 Man + 1 Woman.

Sun., Mar. 26th: 9:00am Mass. **NO** Coffee/Donuts after Mass

Tues., Mar. 28th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm. Adoration 6:00—8:00pm.

Wed., Mar. 29th—Fri., Mar. 31st: 9:00am Mass.

Fri., Mar., 31st: K of C assisting with Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Kathy Boman, Ada Choate & Dianne Laudt providing Soup Supper in St. Jude's Hall.

APRIL NEWS & EVENTS

Sat., Apr., 1st: 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary.

Sun., Apr., 2nd: 9:00am Mass. **K of C Breakfast following Mass.** Adults \$ 5.00. Children through senior year in high school is free.

Tues., Apr., 4th: IMPORTANT 5:00pm Training for Acolytes participating in Holy Thursday Celebration.

Tues., Apr., 4th—Fri., Apr. 7th: No morning Mass/Adoration during Holy Week.

Thurs., Apr 6th; Fri., Apr 7th & Mon., Apr. 10th: Church office & Diocese of Tyler closed.

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all parishioners for the food and monetary donations. The large plastic bin is located in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We're starting to prepare Easter Food Baskets. We are in needs of Easter candy and additional can goods, stuffing, gravy, cake mixes, and icing etc.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or toddtalk@hotmail.com Thank you, to our Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team!

SIGN UP

HOLY WEEK SIGN UP SHEETS

FR. MIKE IS IN NEED OF PARISHIONERS TO HELP WITH HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY
SIGN UP SHEETS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX



Holy Thursday, Apr. 6th: 6:00pm Mass of our Lord's Supper, with the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet. In St. Jude's Hall the Altar of Repose from 7:00—9:00pm.

Good Friday, Apr. 7th: Church will be open from noon-3:00pm. Then 3:00pm Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

Holy Saturday, Apr. 8th: 8:30pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, Apr. 9th: 9:00am Mass of the Resurrection



Parish registration forms are located in front of Bridget's office. If you don't know where the office is please ask someone. Take a form, fill it out and return to the office; Fr. Mike; Usher or place in the offertory basket.

Parish registration forms are also located on our website: holyspirithollylake.com

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JOHN

Please take a look at our new Parish Prayer Wall for Active Military members. It's located in the aisle across from Deacon John's office. In line with our new parish holiness initiative, this is intended for our parish community to pray for our loved ones who have so selflessly placed themselves in harm's way to protect us and our country. So please stop by frequently and pray for these brave soldiers. Also, if you have a loved one in active duty, please e-mail a picture and their name and rank to Deacon John at jerdag@hotmail.com to be put up on the wall. If you don't do email, please leave a picture in Deacon John's folder on Bridget's door.

Are you interested in being a reader at Mass? It's such a blessed service to God to help proclaim His word during the Mass celebration. If you would like to join this liturgical ministry, please contact Deacon John who will be scheduling a half day spiritual retreat and training on March 18th for all current and new Readers in preparation for the Holy Week readings.



The Peaceful Prayer & Fasting Campaign To Stop Abortion & the Abortion Pill

February 22 through April 2, 2023

Sign up for vigil hours online at 40daysforlife.com/tyler
Vigil Location: Across from Planned Parenthood, 601 Turtle Creek Dr., Tyler

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 15 March 2023 Edition
(Submission date: 10 March 2023) Submitted by Randy Munoz

Why Abstinence from Meat <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/why-abstinence-from-meat-4803>

Author: Father Edward McNamara, LC (excerpts from 1 Mar 2016 article for Zenit)

... it is necessary to distinguish between the law of fasting which for Roman-rite Catholics apply on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the rules on abstinence from flesh meat which are more frequent. In the tradition of the Church, laws relating to fasting are principally intended to define what pertains to the quantity of food allowed on days of fasting, while those regulating abstinence refer to their quality. The law of the fast means that only 1 full meal may be taken during the day while 2 light meals are permitted, in accord with local custom as to the amount and kind of food. While the consumption of solid food between meals is forbidden, liquids, including tea, coffee and juices, may be taken at any time. The law of abstinence prohibits eating the flesh, marrow and blood products of such animals and birds as constitute flesh meat. In earlier times the law of abstinence also forbade such foods that originated from such animals, such as milk, butter, cheese, eggs, lard and sauces made from animal fat. This restriction is no longer in force in the Roman rite. Vegetables as well as fish and similar cold-blooded animals (frogs, clams, turtles, etc.) may be eaten. Amphibians are relegated to the category to which they bear most striking resemblance. This distinction between cold- and warm-blooded animals is probably why white meat such as chicken may not replace fish on days of abstinence. This classification can scarcely preclude all doubt regarding the law of abstinence. But local usage and Church authorities usually provide a sufficient basis to resolve problematic questions. Abstinence was technically stricter in former times and applied to every day of Lent. Yet, the actual observance of the law was, and is, confined to such circumstances as carry no insupportable burden. This is why people who are sick, very poor or engaged in heavy labor (or who have difficulty in procuring fish) are not bound to observe the law so long as such conditions prevail. Diversity in customs, climate and food prices also modified the law of abstinence.

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In countries such as the United States and Italy, the bishops recommend abstinence on all Fridays of the year. Abstinence is obligatory on all Fridays of Lent. The bishops of the United Kingdom had a similar rule but some years ago decided to return to the traditional practice of abstinence on all Fridays of the year. Abstinence is obligatory after reaching the age of 14; fasting becomes obligatory from age 18 until midnight of one's 59th birthday.

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The purpose of these laws of abstinence is to educate us in the higher spiritual law of charity and self-mastery. This spiritual purpose can also help us to understand the reasons for excluding flesh meat on penitential days. There was a once-widespread belief that flesh meat provoked and excited the baser human passions. Renouncing these foodstuffs was considered an excellent means of conquering the wayward self and orienting one's life toward God. The ascetic and spiritual purpose of fasting and abstinence can also help us to understand why it has always been tied to almsgiving. In this way, it makes little sense to give up steak so as to gorge on lobster and caviar. The idea of abstinence is to prefer a simpler, less sumptuous diet than normal. We thus have something extra to give to those less fortunate than ourselves and also train ourselves in freedom from slavery to material pleasures. Even a Catholic vegetarian can practice abstinence by substituting a typical, yet more expensive, element of the diet for something simpler. In the developed world the vast array of assorted foodstuffs available at the local supermarket make living the laws of abstinence relatively easy. In most cases one can forgo meat and still maintain a simple yet well balanced diet. However, while being faithful to these laws we must always strive to penetrate the inner reasons for fast and abstinence and not just stay on the superficial plane of rules for rules' sake. The spiritual motives for practicing abstinence are admirably expressed by St. Augustine in his Sermon on Prayer and Fasting: Abstinence purifies the soul, elevates the mind, subordinates the flesh to the spirit, begets a humble and contrite heart, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, extinguishes the fire of lust, and enkindles the true light of chastity. This is summarized in the IV Preface of Lent: "For through bodily fasting you restrain our faults, raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards."

In short, the Church mandates fast and abstinence in order to help free us from the chains of slavery to sin. Rather than an onerous obligation it is a cry of freedom from all that binds us to ourselves and to our passions.